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Mr. James D. Anderson  
Director, Pipeline Safety Section  
State of North Carolina Utilities Commission  
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Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for your letter of November 14, 1997, notifying us that the Commission granted the Kingston Housing Authority a waiver of 49 CFR 192.123 for its Mitchell Wooten NC 4-2 gas distribution system. The waiver allows the system to operate at 60 psig. Since more than 60 days have passed since we received your letter, we consider the waiver to be in effect.

Sincerely,  
Richard B. Felder  
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety

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November 14, 1997

Richard D. Huriaux  
Director, Office of Technology and Regulations  
US Department of Transportation  
Research and Special Programs Administration  
Office of Pipeline Safety  
400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 2335  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Huriaux:

The North Carolina Utilities Commission has received and granted an application for a waiver for the Kinston Housing Authority to accept 60 MAOP of the Mitchell Wooten NC 4-2 natural gas distribution system. The request was made by the Kinston Housing Authority, 503 N. Queen Street, P.O. Box 674, Kinston, NC 28501, (919) 523-1195.

The request ask that safety regulations 49 CFR 192.123 be waived.

Sincerely,  
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November 4, 1997

Mr. Martin C. Rogers, P.E.  
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Dear Mr. Rogers:

In your letter of October 7, 1997, on behalf of your client, the Kinston Housing Authority (KHA), you requested a waiver accepting 60 psig as the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of KHA's Mitchell Wooten NC 4-2 natural gas distribution system. Based on your letter, the Commission understands that the system is constructed of materials which support an MAOP of 60 psig in a class 3 location per Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations Part 192.123. The Commission understands that the distribution system in question is supplied directly off the NCNG Kinston distribution system and that the pressure on the Mitchell Wooten NC 4-2 system has actually fluctuated between 45 psig and 60 psig depending upon the season and NCNG Kinston distribution system loading. The Commission understands that leak surveys have been performed on the system in compliance with Title 49 CFR Part 192.723(b)(2) and no leaks have been found on the buried mains or services. The Commission understands that the Mitchell Wooten NC 4-2 system is the newest distribution system operated by the KHA, is constructed mostly of high density polyethylene plastic pipe with small sections of medium density pipe and that the materials and construction methods used support a 60 psig MAOP.

Based on the your letter, the Commission agrees to grant the KHA a waiver to operate the Mitchell Wooten NC 4-2 system with a maximum actual operating pressure of 60 psig. Please be advised that, to be final, this waiver must be approved by the Office of Pipeline Safety of the Research and Special Projects Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Pipeline Safety Section of the North Carolina Utilities Commission will forward your request for this waiver along with the Commission's approval for that agency's consideration.

Sincerely  
Jo Anne Sanford